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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kunio SHIOTA et al.

Application No.: 09/881,748

Filed: June 18, 2001

For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING
CELLS USING DNA
METHYLATION PATTERNS

Group Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: John S. Brusca

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Sir:

PETITION FOR TWO (2) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 24, 2003. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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